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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Deputy Chief, Legislation Division/OLL

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FROM:

Robert W. Magee

Director of Personnel

SUBJECT:

H.R. 2401--Field Office Closing Justification Bill

REFERENCE:

Your memorandum to multiple addressees re same subject,

dated 15 July 1985, OLL 85-2009

- 1. This is in response to your request in Reference for our views regarding H.R. 2401, the proposed Field Office Closing Justification Act. That bill, if enacted, would require agencies to provide Congress with at least 120 days notice prior to carrying out any type of adverse personnel action related to closing or changing the functions of any domestic field office of the agency. The necessary four-months' advance notice would have to be provided in the form of a detailed written report to Congress, describing, be provided in the form of a detailed written report to congress, describing, analyzing, and justifying the action(s) being taken in connection with the field office and assessing the impact on the employees assigned there and on the local community.
- 2. Assuming that the Agency would be subject to the "Field Office Closing Justification Act", we would share the Administration's strong opposition to the proposed legislation. Such a law would levy burdensome and unacceptable reporting requirements on this Agency, and would be incompatible with the effective operation of an intelligence service. The application of any such requirements to this Agency therefore should be strenuously resisted. In our view, the existing oversight process involving the HPSCI and SSCI provides for adequate review by and accountability to the Congress regarding Agency personnel activities. No further oversight by additional or different committees is necessary or desirable.

Robert W. Magee

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